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Illinois Department of Insurance Disciplinary Report for April 2013

CHICAGO – August 15, 2013. The Illinois Department of Insurance today announced the following disciplinary orders:

Richard Atkinson, Jr., Lawrenceville, Georgia - Insurance producer license revoked effective April 6, 2013. Mr. Atkinson's had been licensed to sell fire and casualty lines of insurance since 2012. The license was revoked as a result of an investigation which revealed Mr. Atkinson failed to reveal misdemeanor criminal history (Two Counts of Battery, One Count of Obstructing 911 Calls) and action by the state of Georgia on his application. The Order of Revocation also included a \$3,000 civil penalty.

Maria Chavez, Joliet - A Director's Order issued regarding the denial of Ms. Chavez's application for a producer license effective April 18, 2013. The Order, from Hearing No. 13-HR-0069, sustained a previously issued Letter of Denial. The denial was the result of an investigation which revealed Ms. Chavez had been convicted of a felony (Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver) in 2005 and had parole violations in 2006 and 2007. The Order also required Ms. Chavez to pay \$179.35 in hearing costs.

Steven Delott, Long Grove - Insurance producer license revoked effective April 15, 2013. Mr. Delott had been licensed to sell life, health and variable lines of insurance since 1985. The license was revoked pursuant to an Order of Prohibition from Secretary of State Securities Division that involved the sale of securities to elderly Illinois consumers and Mr. Delott signing a voluntary surrender of his insurance producer's license in the State of Missouri to avoid further investigation. The Order of Revocation also included a \$10,000 civil penalty and \$526.60 in hearing costs.

Thomas P. Doering, East Peoria - A Director's Order of Default issued regarding the revocation of Mr. Doering's insurance producer license effective April 5, 2013. Mr. Doering had been licensed to sell life and health lines of insurance since 2003. The Order, from Hearing No. 12-HR-0980, sustained a previously issued Order of Revocation after Mr. Doering was convicted of a felony (Aggravated Driving under the Influence/Great Bodily Harm) in 2010 and failed to notify the Department within 30 days after the entry of the judgment. The Order also amended the amount of the civil penalty to \$3,000 and required he pay \$143.50 in hearing costs.

Wilson Georges, Niles - Insurance producer license revoked effective April 3, 2013. Mr. Georges had been licensed to sell life, health, fire and casualty lines of insurance since 2007. He accepted the Voluntary Revocation Order in order to avoid the Department's continued investigation of his insurance related practices and activities. Mr. Georges is no longer able to effect insurance transactions in the state, without violating Illinois Insurance Code and facing felony charges.

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Gary Michael Gross, Richton Park - Insurance producer license suspended effective February 2, 2013. Mr. Gross has been licensed to sell life and health lines of insurance since 2006. The license was suspended based on a certification from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services that Mr. Gross was more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order. The suspension will remain in effect until Mr. Gross proves that he is not more than 30 days delinquent in paying his child support.

Patricia Mital, Grayslake - A Director's Order issued regarding the revocation of Ms. Mital's insurance producer license effective April 18, 2013. Ms. Mital has been licensed to sell life, health, fire and casualty lines of insurance since 2009. The Order, from Hearing No. 12-HR-0113, superseded a previously issued Order of Revocation to imposed a six month suspension but allow Ms. Mital to keep her license. The Order also included a \$2,000 civil penalty and \$423.90 in hearing costs.

Rhonda Moore-Koontz, Alton - Insurance producer license revoked effective April 15, 2013. Ms. Moore-Koontz had been licensed to sell fire and casualty lines of insurance since 2004. The license was revoked pursuant to a Director's Order resulting from Hearing No. 12-HR-0016. The hearing was held regarding a previously issued Order of Revocation after an investigation which revealed Ms. Moore-Koontz provided a fraudulent insurance card to a police officer in February 2011. The Order, which sustained the previous revocation, also included a \$1,000 civil penalty and \$187.50 in hearing costs.

Thomas Naughton, Springfield - Insurance producer license revoked effective April 15, 2013. Mr. Naughton had been licensed to sell life, health and variable lines of insurance since 2008. The license was revoked pursuant to a Director's Order resulting from Hearing No. 12-HR-0546. The hearing was held regarding an investigation which revealed Mr. Naughton was convicted of a felony (Aggravated Battery) in September 2011. The Order also included a \$2,000 civil penalty and \$261.75 in hearing costs.

Oyindamola Okenla, Chicago - Insurance producer license revoked effective April 7, 2013. Ms. Okenla had been licensed to sell life, health, fire and casualty lines of insurance since 2006. The license was revoked based on an investigation which revealed Ms. Okenla completed an application without the insured present, witnessed the signature of someone other than the insured and failed to aid the Department in its investigation. The Order of Revocation also included a \$1,000 civil penalty.

Shawn Rafiei, West Chicago - A Stipulation and Consent Order issued regarding the producer license effective April 3, 2013. Mr. Rafiei has been licensed to sell life and health lines of insurance since 1985. The Order, which includes a \$7,500 civil penalty and corrective orders, alleges that Mr. Rafiei violated replacement regulations, made misleading statements to consumers regarding an insurer, and improperly used copies of consumers' previously submitted application pages and forms documents for new insurance application submissions.

Catherine Shain, Skokie - Public adjuster license application denial effective March 22, 2013. Ms. Shain's application was denied as the result of an investigation which revealed that she had been convicted of a misdemeanor (Theft) in June 2010.

Snyder & Snyder Agency, Inc., Stephen W. Snyder, and Charles B. Farner, Bloomington - A Stipulation and Consent Order effective February 20, 2013. Snyder & Snyder Agency has been a licensed business entity since 1985. Mr. Snyder and Mr. Farner have been licensed sell life, health, fire and casualty lines of insurance since 1985 and 1987, respectively. The Order, which includes a \$10,500 civil penalty and corrective orders, alleges Mr. Snyder and Mr. Farner indirectly rebated insurance premiums and conducted business under an assumed name not registered with the Department.

Ryan Stauffacher, Moline - Insurance producer license revoked effective April 15, 2013. Mr. Stauffacher had been licensed to sell life, health, fire, casualty and variable lines of insurance since 2009. He accepted the Voluntary Revocation Order to avoid the Department's continued investigation of his insurance related practices and activities. Mr. Stauffacher is no longer able to effect insurance transactions in the state, without violating Illinois Insurance Code and facing felony charges.

Crystal Valentine-Johnson, Belleville - Insurance producer license suspended effective April 11, 2013. Ms. Valentine-Johnson has been licensed to sell life and health lines of insurance since 2012. The license was suspended based on a certification from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services that Ms. Valentine-Johnson was more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order. The suspension will remain in effect until Ms. Valentine-Johnson proves that she is not more than 30 days delinquent in paying her child support.

Bryan Virgin, Springfield - A Stipulation and Consent Order effective September 27, 2012. Mr. Virgin has been licensed to sell life, health and variable lines of insurance since 2011. The Order, which includes a \$500 civil penalty and corrective orders, alleges that Mr. Virgin completed company required coursework for another insurance agent.

Vincent Williams, Springfield - A Director's Order issued regarding the denial of Mr. Williams' application for a producer license effective April 15, 2013. The Order, from Hearing No. 13-HR-0071, sustained a previously issued Letter of Denial. The denial was the result of an investigation which revealed Mr. Williams had been convicted of multiple felonies (Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine) in 1996, and (Driving While License Revoked) in 2007 and 2011. The Order also required Mr. Williams to pay \$168.25 in hearing costs.

Kevin T. Young, Wheaton - Insurance producer license revoked effective February 16, 2013. Mr. Young had been licensed to sell life, health, fire, casualty and variable lines of insurance since 2009. The license was revoked based on an investigation which revealed Mr. Young submitted applications to an insurer that were unauthorized by consumers. The Order of Revocation also included a \$14,100 civil penalty.

More Information

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